a' shown in FIG. 2C. The positioning of grid etalon 24 and wedge etalon 26 within the external cavity improves side mode suppression. --

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 11 and 20, without prejudice.

REMARKS

After entry of this amendment Claims 1-10, 12-19 and 21-60 are pending in this application. The Applicant has amended the specification of the above-identified application to correct the reference numbers for the grid etalon pass band and wedge etalon pass band, which should respectively be PB2 and PB3 as shown in FIG. 3A-3C. The Applicant apologizes for this error.

The Applicant believes that claims 11 and 20 are patentable in their present form. However, the Applicant intends to pursue the subject matter of claims 11 and 20 in a separate application. Thus, the cancellation of claims 11 and 20 is made for a reason unrelated to statutory requirements for patentability.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned **"Version with Marking to Show Changes Made."**

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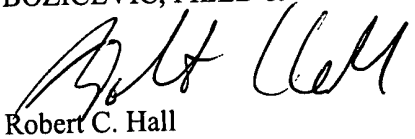

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the specification:

Paragraph beginning at line 1 of page 21 has been amended as follows:

The finesse of grid etalon 24 and wedge etalon 26 determine the attenuation of neighboring modes or channels. As noted above, finesse is equal to the free spectral range over the full width half maximum, or finesse = FSR/FWHM. The width for a grid etalon pass band PB2 [56] at half maximum is shown in FIG. 2B, and the width for a wedge etalon pass band PB3 [58] at half maximum is shown in FIG. 2C. The positioning of grid etalon 24 and wedge etalon 26 within the external cavity improves side mode suppression.

In the claims:

Claims 11 and 20 have been cancelled.